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**SISKIYOU COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 78 MONTHS IN
PRISON FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DAVID ARTHUR EVANS, 59, of Montague, California, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge William B. Shubb to 78 months in federal prison. The defendant pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography on October 17, 2006.

The defendant admitted in his plea agreement that on June 30, 2005 he possessed 24 child pornographic videos, and over 460 child pornographic images on his computer hard drive, along with another 432 images that the defendant deleted, but still remained on the hard drive.

This case was investigated by the FBI, the United States Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department, and the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Stegman, who is prosecuting the case, Judge Shubb, in sentencing EVANS, took into consideration evidence that the defendant was a danger to children, including the fact that over the last two years, EVANS made two trips to the Philippines to visit with two girls, whose ages were 12 and 13. Upon arriving at the San Francisco airport from one of the two trips, a Customs officer found in the defendant's luggage photos of the two girls in bathing suits, sitting on EVANS' lap while he stroked their hair. EVANS told the Customs officer that he had visited these two girls while in the Philippines. Judge Shubb also commented on a number of e-mails EVANS sent to the 12-year-old girl that the government argued was evidence that the defendant had a sexual interest in the girl.

Judge Shubb also ordered that EVANS will be on supervised release for eight years after his release from prison, and that he shall forfeit to the government the computer he used to maintain his child pornography collection.

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